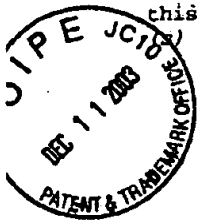


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Introductory Comments

This is a response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2003. A petition and the fee for a two-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action accompany this response. If the enclosed payment is insufficient or if any other fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 10-0750.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration.